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1. QADHAFI'S REMARKS ON THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF HIS LARGE AND GROWING AIR FORCE DELIVERED DURING HIS JUNE 11 SPEECH CELEBRATING "AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY" ARE WORTH AMPLIFYING. NOTING THAT LIBYA NOW HAS "OVER 1,000 PLANES," THE LIBYAN LEADER DECLARED THAT "FREEDOM HAS ITS PRICE" AND THAT "THESE PLANES NEED PILOTS." HE STATED THAT A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE AIR ACADEMY RESULTED IN THE "SMUGGLING" OF CHILDREN OFF TO GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN. HE ADDED FURTHER
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THAT THIS WAS DONE BY PEOPLE WHO HAD ENRICHED THEMSELVES IN LIBYA BEFORE AND AFTER THE REVOLUTION AND THAT "THEY WANT TO KEEP THE PLANES GROUNDED." QADHAFI COMMENDED THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR AVIATION TRAINING AND WHO ARE NOW FLYING THE MOST MODERN AIRCRAFT STATING THAT THEY ARE "SONS OF PEASANTS AND WORKERS, SONS OF THE GOOD EARTH AND LOYAL TO THIS LAND. THEY (THE PLANES) ARE

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NOT FLOWN BY THOSE WHO ROB THE LAND AND LIVE IN OTHER
COUNTRIES."

2. QADHAFI DECLARED THAT THE AIRCRAFT BELONG TO THE
LIBYAN PEOPLE AND THAT IT WAS UP TO THEM TO LET THEM
FLY OR JUST "TO DISPLAY AND WATCH THEM EVERY YEAR."
ALLUDING AGAIN TO THE NEED FOR MORE PILOTS, QADHAFI
SAID THERE WERE MERCENARIES AVAILABLE IN THE WORLD TO
FLY THE "HUNDREDS OF PLANES" IF THAT WAS WHAT THE
PEOPLE WANTED, AND THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE DECIDED BY
THE "POPULAR CONGRESSES." HE ADDED: "WHAT IS RIGHT
AND WRONG IS CLEAR."

3. COMMENT. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT LIBYA'S
MODERN AND EXPANDING AIR FORCE SUFFERS AND WILL CONTINUE
TO SUFFER FROM SHORTAGES OF PILOTS, NOT TO MENTION GOOD
ONES. STILL, IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT SOLUTION QADHAFI WISHES
TO PRESENT TO HIS RUBBER-STAMP POPULAR CONGRESSES IN
ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM. THE ONLY SIZABLE GROUP
OF LIBYANS LIVING ABROAD PRESENTLY ARE THE SEVERAL
THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS (SOME 3,000 IN THE U.S. ALONE),
MOST OF WHOM ARE STUDYING UNDER GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
WITH INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORSHIP. ALL OF THESE STUDENTS
ARE SUBJECT TO A MILITARY SERVICE REQUIREMENT UPON THEIR
RETURN UNDER THE NEW UNIVERSAL CONSCRIPTION LAW, ALTHOUGH
THE PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT LIMITS ANY POTENTIAL VALUE AS
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